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**STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY FOR 10/030,936**

- European patent document EP 0 374 865 A2 discloses a combined electrode and orientation layer composed of indium-zinc oxide, which by friction is provided with a preferable orientation. This layer is composed however not of an organic material as in the applicant's invention. It is therefore believed that this reference does not teach the new features of the present invention as now defined in the claims.
- European patent document EP 0 440 957 B1 corresponds to U.S. patent no. 5,300,575. It also does not teach the new features of the present invention.
- German patent document DE 199338843 A1 and international patent document WO 01/06306 A2 are the German and international patent applications, corresponding to the present U.S. patent application.



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\_\_\_ In accordance with the Duty of Disclosure, Applicant(s) submit(s) herewith a copy of a Foreign Search Report in a counterpart application and copies of the reference(s) indicated therein.

\_\_\_ In the event that the Foreign Search Report is in a foreign language, a translation thereof is herewith submitted.

X Attached hereto is a FORM PTO 1449 listing the references.

X Attached hereto is a copy of a reference cited in the specification of the application as filed. The specification itself recites the relevance of these documents.


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- ☐ Attached hereto is a copy of the Office Action issued in the corresponding German application, together with a translation thereof and copies of the references cited therein. A list of the cited references is also attached.
- ☐ Attached hereto copies of references cited which may be pertinent to this application. An English translation of the references is also attached.
- ☒ Attached hereto is a Statement of Relevancy and copies of references cited therein.
- ☐ The relevancy of each reference can be found in the English language Abstract attached thereto

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